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The plague epidemic in Pisagua, Chile.

The following dispatches in reference to this matter have been received since my last report:

Santiago—February 23, 1905.—Up to this date there have been 56

verified cases of bubonic plague in Pisagua.

Day by day the cases of plague in Pisagua are increasing in number, and many families are leaving the city on this account.

February 25, 1905.—There were to-day 48 new cases of plague veri-

fied in Pisagua.

February 26, 1905.—Strict quarantine against all arrivals from Pisagua has been ordered and will be enforced, as the plague is now epidemic there. The Government to-day sent to Iquique a large amount of antipest serum.

February 27, 1905.—Telegrams from Pisagua state that the public are much alarmed in that city on account of the spread of plague. It is reported that the average daily number of new cases reaches 90.

Variola at Bahia Blanca, Argentina.

A dispatch of date of the 26th from Buenos Ayres reports that many cases of variola are occurring in Bahia Blanca.

Mortuary reports from the State of São Paulo, Brazil.

São Paulo (capital).—During the week ended February 19 there were in all 95 deaths, not including 15 stillbirths. Causes, as follows: Whooping cough, 1; grippe, 1; enteric fever, 2; malarial fevers, 4; tuberculosis, 9; syphilis, 1; cancer, 1; other general diseases, 2; diseases of the nervous system, 4; of the circulatory system, 7; of the respiratory system, 12; of the digestive system, 16; of the urinary system, 2; accidents during puerperal state, 1; diseases of skin, 1; congenital debility, 5; violence, except suicide, 4; and diseases ill defined, 21.

By ages, less than 2 years, 44; 2 to 5 years, 11; 5 to 10 years, 3; 10 to 20 years, 2; 20 to 50 years, 25; more than 50 years of age, 11. Natives, 73; foreigners, 22; nationality unknown, 1.

Daily average number of deaths, 13.71.

Santos—During the week ended February 19 there were in all 27 deaths and 4 stillbirths. Causes: Tuberculosis, 6; anchylostomiasis, 2; diseases of nervous system, 3; of the circulatory system, 2; of the respiratory system, 2; of the digestive system, 6; accidents during puerperal state, 1; violence, 1; and diseases ill defined, 4. Natives, 23; foreigners, 4.

Daily average of deaths, 3.85.

Campinas.—During the week ended February 19, 1905, there were in all 24 deaths, exclusive of 1 stillbirth. Causes: Grippe, 1; tuberculosis, 2; diseases of nervous system, 3; of the respiratory system, 1; of the digestive system, 8; congenital debility, 3; and diseases ill defined, 6. Natives, 22; foreigners, 2.

Daily average of deaths, 3.42.